

REMARKS

Claims 1-51 are currently pending in the subject application upon entry of the amendments. Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-24, 29, 36, 37, 40, 44, and 48-51 have been amended to better describe the invention and/or to disclaim the cited art. Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

The Amendments and Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's indication that claims 8-10, 23-28, and 36 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. The independent claims have been amended to include the allowable subject matter and thereby disclaim the cited art.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 2-4 and 8. Independent claim 16 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 17-20, 22, and 23. Dependent claim 24 has been amended into independent form by including the subject matter of claim 16 therein. Independent claims 29, 37, 40, 44, 48, and 49 have each been amended to include the subject matter of claim 36. Independent claims 50 and 51 have each been amended to include the subject matter of claims 2-4 and 8.

The Art Rejections

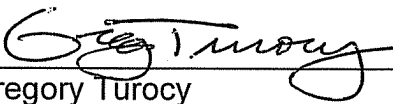
Claims 1-7, 11-22, 29-35, and 37-51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent 6,853,773 to Lin. Since the independent claims have been amended to include allowable subject matter, this rejection is rendered moot.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [LMP114US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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